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1. AS USDEL APPRECIATES, DEPARTMENT FINDS FORMULA PARA 1 REFTEL HIGHLY PREJUDICIAL TO WEO POSITIONS ON NIEO, CERDS, AND IN OTHER INVESTMENT-RELATED CONTEXTS (E.G., CODE OF CONDUCT; INDIVIDUAL EXPROPRIATION CASES). INTERPRETATION BASED ON UNGA RES. 1803, WHICH G-77 DISPARAGE, IS INSUFFICIENT PROTECTION; MOREOVER, WE CANNOT SERIOUSLY EXPECT CONFIDENTIAL

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REFERENCES TO OTHER PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY RESOLUTIONS TO BE EXCLUDED. DEPARTMENT WONDERS WHETHER SUPPORT OF SWISS, UK AND FRG DELS FOR THIS FORMULA HAS RESPECTIVE MFA CLEARANCES; US DEL SHOULD URGE THESE DELS TO RAISE ISSUE URGENTLY WITH THEIR MFA INVESTMENT EXPERTS AND SEEK GUIDANCE.

2. US DEL SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AMEND RECOMMENDA-

TION OF INFORMAL CONSULTATION GROUP, TO INCLUDE WORDING "IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW", OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TO READ "NOTHING IN THE PRESENT CONVENTION SHALL AFFECT THE PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OF EVERY PEOPLE AND STATE OVER ITS NATURAL WEALTH AND RESOURCES AND THE RELEVANT RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF STATES UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AND OTHER TREATIES". SAVINGS CLAUSE OF OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW MIGHT ALSO BE HANDLED IN SEPARATE, COEQUAL ARTICLE.

3. IF ISOLATED ON THIS POINT, US DEL SHOULD PLAN TO INSIST ON ROLL CALL VOTE ON THIS ARTICLE, AND TO VOTE AGAINST IT. US DEL SHOULD ENSURE THAT STATEMENT IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE IS RECORDED IN SUMMARY MINUTES. VANCE

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